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Honorable Bill Owens
Governor of Colorado
State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Owens:

Thank you for your letter dated June 30, 2003, that provided Colorado's recommendation on air quality designations for the 8-hour national health-based standard for ground level ozone, a major constituent of smog. Your letter is an important step toward providing the citizens of Colorado with critical information about air pollution levels in their community. With the passage of our July 15, 2003, submittal milestone, we have now entered into the analysis phase of these recommendations on a national basis. We intend to carefully review your recommendation and work with you and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in determining final designations.

We look forward to working with Colorado throughout this designation process for the 8-hour ozone standard. If you have any questions, please contact me or Richard Long, Director of our Air and Radiation Program, at (303) 312-6005. Your staff may also wish to contact Tim Russ, Air and Radiation Program staff, at (303) 312-6479.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Roberts
Regional Administrator

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